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# Holdridge Farm

## 1951 CATALOGUE

# NURSERY STOCK

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*Strawberry Plants Our Specialty*

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Conn. Registered Nursery No. 223

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# S. E. HOLDRIDGE & SONS

## Ledyard, Connecticut

### Route 27

## LOCATION

The Holdridge Farm Nursery is located on Route 27 (The Col. Ledyard Highway) in the town of Ledyard, about 5 miles from Norwich and about 12 miles from New London.

From Norwich, take Route 2 (the Westerly road) for about three miles—turn right onto first state highway, following Ledyard Grange signs—drive about 1 mile and bear left onto Route 27 and drive 2 miles.

From New Haven and New London — cross the Groton-New London bridge and follow Route 84 for about 5 miles — turn left and follow Route 27 (Col. Ledyard Highway) for about 6 miles.

From Rhode Island points — Go to the Rotary intersection of Route 84 and Route 2 — follow Route 84 towards New London about 7 miles — then turn right onto Col. Ledyard Highway (Route 27) — We are about 6 miles from Route 84.

## BUSINESS HOURS

From March 15th to June 15th our nursery will be open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## PRICES

All prices quoted here include the Conn. Sales Tax. Prices are subject to change if necessary to meet higher costs.

## OUR GUARANTEE

We guarantee to deliver stock in good condition, up to grade and specifications. If your order arrives in damaged condition, report to us immediately. We will adjust complaint or refund your money.

We cannot guarantee livability after stock arrives on your farm as so many factors may be the cause. We will, upon proper proof, replace free all trees, etc., which may prove untrue to name or refund the price paid but we give no further warranty.

Our nursery is inspected yearly by an authorized State Inspector and a copy of our certificate accompanies each shipment.

## SHIPPING

Please give instruction in your order how we should ship. If no instructions are given, we will ship as is best in our judgment. Remember, trees must go by express.

We will ship as near as possible to the date which you ask for but can not guarantee shipment on exact dates requested because of weather and other conditions beyond our control.

We start to ship plants just as early as the frost is out of the ground, or from the 1st to the 10th of April. We ship orders continuously until June 1. We recommend setting plants in April if possible.

Fruit trees will be shipped about April 1st, unless otherwise requested.

Absolutely no orders shipped after June 1. We ship in the fall only from October 10 until November 1st. Fall shipments of strawberry plants not guaranteed or recommended.



*Mary and David Holdridge picking Streamliner Everbearing Strawberries in September*

## STRAWBERRY PLANTS

For nearly forty years, strawberries and strawberry plants have been the major crop on the Holdridge Farm. During that period of time a great many varieties of strawberries have been grown here but we have continued to grow only those kinds which have done best for us. Certain good varieties have been discarded because we felt that other kinds were generally more satisfactory here.

As we raise our fields of strawberries primarily for plants, we are continually working to improve the quality of the plants which we do sell. Each spring we choose our planting stock with extreme care. Many other things are done for these strawberry plants so that our strains may be continually improved. You will get the benefit of this breeding work if you purchase your replacement stock from us.

## STRAWBERRIES FOR FREEZING

We receive many requests as to the best varieties of strawberries for freezing. We recommend Midland, Catskill, Fairfax, Temple and Sparkle. However, in our own home freezer, we have tried nearly every variety and have found that all good berries can be successfully frozen. In fact, we have used more Howard No. 17 than any other variety.

## BASKETS

We purchase a carload of baskets during the winter and will have the following baskets at quoted prices while our supply lasts. We advise your purchase of baskets at these low prices and cannot guarantee that we will have baskets during harvest seasons.

Quart baskets—\$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000, at farm or by express not prepaid; 500 at 1,000 rate.

Pint baskets—100 for \$2.00; 1,000 for \$15.00.

2 quart Pansy Tills—\$30.00 per 1,000, packed 250 to a carton.

16 quart flat bottom peach baskets—\$14.00 per 100.

4 quart Tills—\$5.00 per 100.

4 quart Peach baskets—\$20.00 per 100.



# STRAWBERRY PLANTS

## EARLY VARIETIES

**HOWARD No. 17 (Sold also as Premier)**—For more than twenty years the Howard No. 17 strawberry has held the leadership in this area with the greatest acreage of plants being set with this variety. The Howard No. 17 berry is perhaps the most dependable producer of all varieties, producing a good crop on nearly every type of soil and under many different weather conditions.

Our strain of Howard 17 has improved through the years as we have constantly practiced selective planting. The Howard is practically frost-proof. It likes rich well drained land and will produce an excellent crop of large wedge-shaped berries. It is usually the first berry on the market and will fruit over a long season with the berries decreasing in size at the end of the season.

This is a safe variety to plant. Be sure to include some in your order. We find it excellent for freezing and we can recommend this variety for a home garden as well as for commercial growers.

**PATHFINDER** — This is an excellent quality berry producing large quantities of mild flavored berries. The berries are quite round and are very attractive. This variety usually sets a wide row of plants and is rated as very resistant to the red stele disease. This is an early season berry, ripening with us just after the Howard.

We can recommend this variety to commercial growers, especially to those whose early berries are sold to be shipped out of the state.

**MIDLAND** — This variety is a cross between the Howard 17 and Red Heart. It is a vigorous grower of fine large plants, producing good yields of large berries. It has fine flavor and is excellent for the deep freeze.

**FAIRLAND** — This is a new variety which we like very much. With us, it produces a large, conical shaped berry, almost as early as Howard. It makes a very good bed and the yield of berries is excellent.

**DORSETT** — At its best Dorsett is an excellent berry for home use with large sweet berries. Not a dependable producer. Supply limited.

## MID-SEASON VARIETIES

**TEMPLE** — We believe that this is the outstanding midseason berry at the present time. It is an unusually vigorous variety, making wide rows of tall heavy plants. It is a heavy producer of large, pointed, very attractive berries. We have a large supply of these plants available for this spring. Good for freezing.

**CATSKILL** — This has been an outstanding midseason variety for a number of years. It produces a very large and glossy berry. The bulk of the crop is produced in a short time making it a good berry for freezing purposes. This is not as good a plantmaker as some other varieties, apparently needing a very rich soil to be at its best.

**FAIRFAX** — This berry has the well deserved reputation of being the sweetest berry known. It produces a good crop of very dark, almost black berries. The Fairfax is a fair plantmaker and we recommend it for those gardeners who have a good rich soil.

**SPARKLE** — This is a newer and very highly recommended midseason variety. It is a vigorous grower and is very productive. The berries are somewhat round in shape, of excellent quality and splendid for freezing.

**ROBINSON (Scarlet Beauty)** — With this variety, individual plants are very small, but it makes a wide row and should be well spaced for best results. An excellent yielder of large fruit when planted on good rich land.

**GREAT BAY** — This is the first time that we have had this variety to sell. Originated at the University of New Hampshire, it is claimed by its propagators as having the ability under proper conditions to yield more than any other variety. The berry itself is medium late, and similar to the Cat-skill variety. Our supply is limited — Price: \$4.00 per 100.

## LATE VARIETIES

**FAIRPEAKE** — This is an excellent quality late berry. It is a cross of the Fairfax and Chesapeake varieties. Berries are large, attractive and very late. It makes a nice plant growth and we can recommend it for both home and commercial growers.

**RED STAR** — This is the latest berry which we sell. The berries are large and bright red. The individual plants are very large but it is only a fair plantmaker here on our comparative light soils. Yields with us are not as heavy as with some of the other standard varieties.

STRAWBERRY PLANT PRICES: All June bearing varieties, except Great Bay, 25 for 75c; 50 for \$1.50; 100 to 200 at \$2.50 per 100; 300 to 700 at \$2.00 per 100; 1,000 at \$16.00 (not prepaid); 2,000 or more at \$15.00 per 1,000, not prepaid. (Postage for mail orders—5% of order. Minimum charge 15c.)

## EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES

We do not believe that everbearing strawberries are profitable from a commercial standpoint in this locality. However, a few plants planted this spring will bear fruit for two months during the fall. We recommend that the blossoms of everbearers be kept picked off until July and that some kind of mulch be placed around the plants so that the berries will be free of dirt.

**STREAMLINER** — This is the newest and most highly recommended of everbearers. It produces a very large berry which is as pretty as any June bearer. We have a nice supply of this kind this year and we are selling at a low price. With us the Streamliner did almost as well last spring as the June bearing varieties.

PRICE OF EVERBEARING PLANTS: 25 for \$1.00; 50 for \$2.00; 100 for \$4.00; 1,000 for \$30.00 not prepaid.

## ASPARAGUS PLANTS

Home-grown asparagus is one of the easiest to grow and yet one of the most delicious treats available to the small gardener. Cut fresh in your own garden, it is unexcelled in flavor and quality. Start now to have a bed of your own.

Our plants, if heavily fertilized in your garden, will produce some asparagus for you the next spring. The second spring, you can cut it for about one month and after that, if you continue heavy fertilization, you can cut it up to the 1st of July of each year. A bed, once started, will last as long as you take care of it.

We have two varieties available this year, the Mary Washington which has been the standard rust resistant variety and the California, a new variety now being recommended by the Eastern States Farmers Exchange. They are both good.

Prices (1 Year): 50 for \$1.00; 100 for \$2.00; 1,000 for \$16.00.

2 Year: 25 for \$1.00; 50 for \$1.75; 100 for \$3.00; 500 for \$12.50; 1,000 for \$20.00.

### ASPARAGUS CULTURE

Set asparagus in rich soil a foot apart in a furrow 6 inches deep. Cover 3 inches and tramp. In hoeing, work soil towards plant so that by mid-summer the ground is level. Do not cover 6 inches at first or plant will be smothered. Cut sparingly the second year, after that cut all shoots 6 or 8 inches high until about the middle of June, then let tops grow. Fertilize asparagus liberally, with stable or hen manure any time in summer or fall after cutting season is over.

## GRAPE VINES — SPRING AND FALL

These are all two year old, No. 1 grape vines which will give you fine results.

**CONCORD (Blue)**—The standard, blue grape.

**PORTLAND (White)**—Early, large, and of good quality.

**CACO (Red)**—Early, fine flavor with large bunches.

**FREDONIA (Black)**—Very early, excellent quality.

Price: 40c each; 3 for \$1.00; 10 for \$3.00.

**GOLDEN MUSCAT**—New California type skinless grape.

**CONCORD SEEDLESS**—Like Concord but no seeds.

Price: 75c each; 3 for \$2.00.



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WHAT YOU CARRY  
HOME !



## BLUEBERRIES — SPRING AND FALL

Cultivated blueberries are hardy shrubs of rare beauty; they are doubly valuable because they are fruitful and ornamental throughout the entire year.

Every home garden, no matter how small, has room for at least a few of these blueberry plants. It takes only a few plants to produce all the berries that an ordinary size family will need. As a commercial proposition it is one of the most profitable fruits to grow. There is a big market for these delicious blueberries; they make good money in a very short time, you can begin picking the second or third year after planting. Plants last a very long time.

Cultivated blueberries grow in large clusters, plump, tender, and practically seedless. They will grow anywhere that strawberries will, doing their best on a moist, acid soil which is kept mulched all summer. For pollination, plant at least two varieties.

Our very low prices on large bearing age plants will give you berries years before smaller plants. We advise buying blueberry plants on a size basis.

**CABOT (early)**—Lowest of our cultivated varieties, bush seldom growing over 4 feet in height. Has a long fruiting season.

**RANCOCAS (midseason)**—Upright growing bush which reaches about to six feet at maturity. Very beautiful shrub. A fine producer of highly flavored fruit.

**JERSEY (Ideal late variety)**—Has large, light-blue berries. The bush grows erect, is very productive and has beautiful foliage.

**RUBEL (Widely planted late variety)**—The bush is upright, very vigorous, hardy and productive. The fruit is medium in size, light blue and is very firm.

**JUNE (early)**—This has an erect bush, bearing medium sized dark blue berries.

**STANLEY**—A vigorous upright bush with medium sized sweet blue berries.

**CONCORD (Late midseason)**—Has an upright bush with fairly large light blue berries.

**PEMBERTON (midseason)**—This variety has a large vigorous bush, erect and very productive, berry very large, dark blue.

**DIXI (midseason to late)** — Produces a very large, very blue berry slightly before the Jersey. Berry is of very good quality.

**ATLANTIC (late)**—This variety produces a good blue berry on a vigorous, open spreading bush late in the season.

**BURLINGTON (very late)**—This is a very sweet berry on an upright spreading bush and bears a good crop very late in the season.

PRICE—3 years or older, 24 to 36" tall, \$1.00 each; 10 or more 90c each, not prepaid. Write for prices in lots of 100 or more.
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For detailed information on Blueberry varieties, culture, etc., send 15c to Supt. of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., and ask for Farmers Bulletin No. 1951 on Blueberry Growing.

## SPRAYS — DUSTS — PLANT FOODS

### VALUABLE HELPS FOR SUCCESSFUL GARDENERS

Conn. Efficiency Spray—An all purpose fruit spray based on a University of Connecticut formula. Use for all sprays on all but stone fruits. Price: 5 lbs. for \$2.50.

Hubbard Fruit Spray—Use on all fruits, including stone fruits, for all sprays— 1 lb. 85c; 5 lbs. \$2.50.

DuPont Garden Dust—Use either as a dust or spray on all types of vegetables. Buy just this one dust instead of many for your garden. Price: 8 oz. 79c; 1 lb. \$1.15.



DuPont Floral Dust—Similar to Garden Dust but made for all flowers. Price: 8 oz. 79c; 1 lb. \$1.15.

Ammate—Used as a spray, will kill poison ivy or any other unwanted plants. Price 2 lbs. 85c; 6 lbs. \$2.25.

Gro-Fast Rose Food—An organic fertilizer based on the exact needs of roses. Contains 60 % organic nitrogen. Price: 5 lbs. 90c; 25 lbs. \$1.90.

Acid Fertilizer—A well balanced formula made for the needs of acid loving plants such as Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Blueberries, etc. Price 5 lb. 65c; 25 lbs. \$1.50.

Bone Meal—Good for so many plants and bulbs. 5 lbs. 50c; 25 lbs. \$1.75; 100 lbs. \$4.65.

Sheep Manure—pulverized—excellent for evergreens and lawns. 50 lbs. \$2.00.

## FERTILIZERS

During the season we will have on hand at our nursery a supply of Corenco brand fertilizers. We can supply amounts up to one or two tons at any time from our stocks on hand, or we can arrange the shipment of full truckload lots from the factory direct to you at very reasonable rates.

We have used the Corenco brand fertilizers exclusively on our farm during the past few years and have had excellent results. We can therefore recommend it highly to you.

Price: 5-8-7 Vegetable and General Purpose 80 lb. bag \$2.30. 5-10-10 Potato and Vegetable 80 lb. bag \$2.45. Prices subject to change without notice.

We would like the opportunity to quote you our low prices for ton and truckload lots. Also we will have small sized bags for little gardens.

## RHUBARB

**CANADA RED**—We offer this year this new and improved variety of rhubarb. The plant is vigorous and hardy with long slender stalks which are tender and are bright red all the way through. The red color extends even to the mid rib of the leaf.

Price: 35c each; 3 for \$1.00; 10 or more at 30c.

## RASPBERRY PLANTS

Raspberries are one of the treats available to home gardeners and will bear handsome crops if a little care is given them. Here is a crop ideal for the part-time farmer which is overlooked by many growers. Very easy to freeze.

We offer strong, well grown plants, free of disease. Start a bed now so that you can enjoy raspberries throughout the summer. Once planted, a raspberry bed is good for from five to ten years, depending on the care given it.

**LATHAM (Red)**—The fine old standard mid-season berries which folks have liked so well. It bears well under most any condition and is good for commercial or home gardeners.

**INDIAN SUMMER (Everbearing) (Red)**—This is the best of the ever-bearing varieties of raspberries, bearing a crop in July and another throughout the fall. Has good size and flavor.

**SODUS (Purple)**—This is the leading purple raspberry. The berries are medium purple in color and good in quality. The plants are very productive and vigorous.

**CUMBERLAND (Black)**—This variety yields well under most any condition. It has a glossy black berry of excellent quality and bears in mid-summer. Black raspberries are gaining in popularity. They can be raised at less cost than the red varieties and stand on the vines a long time without becoming soft.

**MORRISON (Black)**—This is a newer, glossy black raspberry, which ripens slightly later than does the Cumberland. The fruit has few seeds.

**SHUTTLEWORTH (Black)**—A very new variety which is a very vigorous grower and produces immense quantities of large black raspberries.

### RASPBERRY PLANT PRICES

No. 1 Grade—All varieties: 6 for 60c ; 12 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.00; 50 for \$4.00; 100 for \$7.50; 1000 for \$65.00, not prepaid.

TRANSPLANTS—LATHAM AND INDIAN SUMMER ONLY:

6 for 75c; 12 for \$1.50; 25 for \$3.00; 100 for \$10.00.

Not sold in lots of less than 6 of one variety.

## BLACKBERRIES

Blackberries grow best on fertile loam. The rows should be six feet apart with each plant approximately two feet apart in the row.

**ELDORADO**—This is the sweetest of all blackberries. The berries are very large and bear in large clusters. The plants are very hardy.

Prices: 12 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.00; 100 for \$7.00.

**THORNLESS BOYSENBERRY**—Price: 6 for 75c; 12 for \$1.50.

## FRUIT TREES

We can offer this year a nice variety of fruit trees grown for us by one of the largest nurseries in the country. All are of top quality and are graded strictly to size.

Our low overhead on our farm enables us to sell these trees at a much lower price than that quoted by most dealers. We hope that you will compare sizes and prices with other concerns and that you will come and see the trees here at our farm. These trees will be ready in our sales cellar by March 20 or before.

Each year we are sold out of some varieties early. To be sure of varieties wanted, order now and they will be saved for you.

These trees are too large for parcel post shipments. They must be shipped by express or called for at our farm.

We advise that all fruit trees be planted as early as possible in the spring.



## DWARF FRUIT TREES

Dwarf fruit trees are a very popular item for gardeners with a limited space. These trees grow about 6 to 8 feet tall at maturity and will use a correspondingly small space. Dwarf pears bear two years from planting, dwarf apples from two to four years. Our dwarf trees will be 2 years old, and 5/8 inch. in caliper.

Dwarf Apples — Varieties available: McIntosh, Baldwins, Cortlands, Greenings and Red Delicious.

Dwarf Pears—Varieties available: Bartlett, Clapp's Favorite and Seckle.

Price—All Dwarf Trees—\$1.75 each.

## SPECIALTIES

**5 IN 1 APPLE** — 11/16 inch caliper—5-6 feet tall. The following five varieties are grafted on one tree: Baldwin, McIntosh, Red Delicious, Yellow Delicious and Jonathan. Each \$2.00.

**ENGLISH WALNUT** — 3 to 4 feet tall ..... each \$1.50

**BLACK WALNUT** — 4 to 6 feet tall ..... each 1.50

**QUINCE** — 2 year—9/16 inch caliper. For old fashioned quince jelly ..... each 1.75

**BUTTERNUT** — 3 to 4 ft. tall ..... each 90c

**HANSON'S BUSH CHERRY**—2 to 3 ft.—plant both for fruit and for its beauty ..... each 60c

**APRICOT** — 2 year, 4 to 5 ft. — plant two ..... each 1.00

**NECTARINE** — Boston—4 to 5 ft. tall ..... each 1.00

**CHINESE CHESTNUTS** — 3 to 4 ft. tall ..... each 90c

### SPECIAL OFFER TO COMMERCIAL GROWERS

If your total order for trees is 50 or more, we offer a discount of 10c per tree from quoted prices. We can quote special prices on large orders.

## NEW SERVICE

If you are planning to start an orchard, either large or small, let us know early and our salesman will call on you and give you advice as to which varieties are best for your needs, how many you need, etc.

## PEACH TREES — 1 Year

Elberta—Standard canning peach; mid-September . . . . .  
 Golden Jubilee—Very early, yellow; late August . . . . .  
 Hale Haven—High quality yellow, good shipper; early  
 September . . . . .  
 South Haven—Golden yellow, sweet; late September . . . . .  
 \*J. H. Hale—Very large, yellow; late August . . . . .  
 Valient—Large, firm, yellow; early September . . . . .  
 Belle of Georgia—A large early white peach; August . . . . .  
 Early Elberta—Similar to Elberta, but early . . . . .  
 Crawford Late—Large, yellow, very late . . . . .  
 Red Haven—Excellent quality, early September . . . . .  
 Fowler—New large yellow freestone . . . . .  
 Champion—Large white, early September . . . . .  
 Golden East—2 weeks before Elberta . . . . .  
 Early East—Early yellow . . . . .

**PRICES**  
 9/16 inch  
 caliper  
 4 to 5 ft. tall  
**80c each**  
 —  
 5/16 inch  
 caliper  
 2 to 3 ft. tall  
**50c each**  
 —  
 Not Prepaid

All peach varieties listed above are freestone

## APPLE TREES — 2 Year

11/16 inch caliper — 5 to 6 feet tall

Baldwin	Red McIntosh
Cortland	Red Spy
Early McIntosh	R. I. Greening
Macoun	Stayman's Winesap
Milton	Gravenstein
Red Delicious	Red Rome
Yellow Delicious	Wealthy
Jonathan	Dolgo Crab
Russet	Lodi
Red Astrachan	

**80 cents**  
**Each**  
 Not Prepaid

## PEAR TREES — 2 Year

11/16 inch caliper — 5 to 6 feet tall

Bartlett—Best Canning Pear—September . . . . .  
 Bosc—Late Russet Pear—October . . . . .  
 Clapp's Favorite—Early Canning or Eating Pear—August  
 Sheldon—Very Sweet—October . . . . .  
 Anjou—Very Juicy, late . . . . .  
 Kieffer—Large, Yellow—Late . . . . .

**\$1.00**  
**Each**  
 Not Prepaid

## CHERRY TREES

11/16 inch caliper — 4 to 5 feet tall

\*Black Tartarian—Large, sweet, black . . . . .  
 \*Napoleon—Yellow with red cheek, sweet . . . . .  
 \*Schmidt's Biggaroux—Large, almost black, sweet . . . . .  
 \*Windsor—Dark red, often called Oxheart . . . . .  
 Montmorency—Sour Cherry, best for pies . . . . .

**\$1.25**  
**Each**  
 Not Prepaid

## PLUM TREES — 2 Year

11/16 inch caliper — 5 to 6 feet high

\*Abundance—Round, red, yellow flesh; late July . . . . .  
 \*Burbank—Large, round, reddish, purple; late July . . . . .  
 \*Yellow Egg—Round, yellow; late August . . . . .  
 Fellemborg Prune—Large, good canner; September . . . . .  
 Stanley Prune—Large, dark blue, Freestone; September . . . . .  
 Shropshire Damson—Productive, dark purple . . . . .

**\$1.00**  
**Each**  
 Not Prepaid

\*Varieties starred should be cross pollinated.

## FLOWERING SHRUBS — SPRING AND FALL

We will have on hand throughout the season a nice variety of flowering shrubs. We invite your inspection at any time.

Althea (Rose of Sharon) double red and double white, 2 to 3'	<b>Your Choice</b>  <b>75 cents</b>
Deutzia—white bell shaped flowers. May. 2 to 3 ft. ....	
Dwarf Ninebark—white flowers followed by red pods .....	
Eleagnus—orange berries amid silvery leaves, good at shore..	
Coralberry—numerous crimson berries in fall .....	
Forsythia—18 to 24 inch yellow bells in spring.....	
Honeysuckle Red Bush—red flowers followed by red berries..	
Hydrangea A.G.—18 to 24 inch—white snowball type flowers..	
Hydrangea P.G.—large white flowers with pink tinge, 2 to 3 ft.	
Snowberry—Spreading bush, large white berries .....	
Spirea Froebelli—2 to 3 ft.—light pink flowers.....	
Spirea Van Houttei—(Bridal Wreath) small white flowers 2-3'	
Syringa (Philadelphus) Coronarius, single white 2 to 3 ft. ..	
Weigela—Red and Pink—2 to 3 ft.—bell shaped flowers.....	
Flowering Quince—Red spring flowers—18 to 24 inch .....	

Almond Pink Flowering—small pink blooms in May 2 to 3 ft.	<b>Your Choice</b>  <b>\$1.00</b>
Butterfly Bush (Buddleia) purple—July to frost .....	
Snowball—Old Fashioned—white balls, 2 to 3 ft. ....	
Syringa Virginalis (Sweet Mock Orange) 2 to 3 ft. ....	

Beauty Bush—beautiful pink flowers in June—3 to 4 ft. ....	<b>Your Choice</b>  <b>\$1.50</b>
Flowering Quince—red flowers in May—2 to 3 ft. ....	
Hydrangea—French Blue .....	
Hybrid Lilacs—the following varieties from 2 to 3 ft. tall	
Michael Buckner—double pink .....	
General Pershing—double light blue .....	
Mme. Le Moine—double white .....	
Chas. Joly—double purple .....	

## PERENNIALS

For this spring we have contracted to buy a large number of perennial plants of nearly fifty different varieties. These will come from a grower who specializes in perennial plants. They will all be growing in Cloverset (tar paper) pots and can be transplanted without danger. These can not be shipped easily and so we are not listing the many varieties. We hope that you will look over these plants at our nursery.

Price: Most varieties at 40 cents a plant.

## CHRYSANTHEMUMS — SPRING AND FALL

During the spring season we will have a fair variety of chrysanthemum plants for sale at our nursery. These will be grown in Cloverset pots and will sell at 40 cents each. These can not be shipped by mail.

During the fall season we will have a wide variety of chrysanthemums for sale in bloom. Send for our fall circular or, better still, call at our nursery during October.



## ROSES

We have received many compliments on the quality of our rose bushes. We recommend that you buy packaged rose bushes until about May 1st. After that date, we recommend that you use our potted rose bushes which are well started.

### TEA ROSES

Ami Quinard — dark red .....  
 Christopher Stone — red .....  
 Etoile de Holland — red .....  
 Poinsetta — red .....  
 Grenoble — red .....  
 Betty Uprichard — pink .....  
 Editor McFarland — pink .....  
 Golden Dawn — yellow .....  
 Golden Ophelia — yellow .....  
 Roslyn — yellow .....  
 Mme. Jules Bouche — white .....  
 Pres. Hoover — two tone .....  
 K. A. Victoria — white .....  
 Talisman — two tone .....

**Package  
Roses**

**75 cents  
each**

### CLIMBING ROSES

Cl. American Beauty — red .....  
 Paul's Scarlet — dark red .....  
 Dr. Van Fleet — pink .....  
 Primrose yellow .....  
 Silver Moon — white, yellow center .....

**Potted  
Roses**

**\$1.00  
each**

### POLYTHANA ROSES

(Baby Ramblers)

Cameo — pink .....  
 Red Ripples — red .....

**BLAZE** — This is an improved, dark red climbing rose which blooms practically all summer. Each \$1.50.

**PEACE** — This is the lovely orange yellow tea rose which has proven so popular. This is a must for every rose garden. Each \$2.00.

### PATENTED ROSE VARIETIES

We will have at our nursery at the start of the season small quantities of the following varieties of patented roses. These may be ordered by mail before April 1st and will be shipped at proper time or held for you. Please do not order these late in the season unless you will accept substitutes.

**Your Choice \$2.00**

Fashion  
 Pinocchio  
 Mission Bells  
 Capistrano  
 Sutters Gold  
 Tally Ho  
 New Yorker  
 Climbing Peace  
 Forty Niner



**Your Choice \$1.50**

Charlotte Armstrong  
 Crimson Glory  
 Countess Vandal  
 Eclipse  
 Festival  
 Mary Marg. McBride  
 New Dawn  
 (climber)

## ORNAMENTAL AND FLOWERING TREES

Pink Flowering Dogwood—3 to 4 ft. tall—dark red strain .....	\$2.75
White Flowering Dogwood — 3 ft. tall .....	1.50
White Flowering Dogwood — Large, 8 to 12 ft. tall .....	3.00 to 5.00
Red Jap Maple — Dwarf lawn tree—12 to 15 inch .....	4.00
Red Jap Maple — bright red leaves — 15 to 18 inch. ....	5.00
Golden Chain — Golden Wisteria type flowers—5 to 6 ft. ....	3.50
Japanese Flowering Cherry—Kwanzan—double pink—2 to 3 ft. ....	1.00
Flowering Crab—pink blossoms—3 ft. whips .....	1.00
Bechtel's Flowering Crab—2 to 3 ft—branched .....	2.00
Magnolia—Soulangeana—pink and red—18 to 24 inch. ....	2.75
Magnolia—Soulangeana—2 to 3 ft. tall with buds .....	4.75
Thorn—Scarlet—Double red flowers—6 to 8 ft. tall .....	4.75
Birch—Clumps—Priced as to size .....	3.00 to 5.00
Weeping Willow—Niobe—Golden Bark—4 to 5 ft. ....	1.00
Weeping Willow—Golden Bark—6 to 8 ft. ....	2.50
Purple Leaf Plum—(Newport) .....	1.50
Red Leaf Peach—2 to 3 ft. tall .....	.90
Flowering Peach—double red flowers—2 to 3 ft. ....	.90
Weeping Peach—Red flowers—18 to 24 inch. tall .....	.90
Smoke Tree—bronze leaves and plumes—3 to 4 ft. tall .....	2.00
Judas Tree—small reddish flowers—blooms April—3 to 4 ft. ....	2.00

## SHADE TREES

### AT FARM ONLY

Norway Maple—best shade tree—8 to 10 ft. tall .....	each \$4.00
Crimson King Maple—bright red leaves all summer long 6 to 7 ft. tall .....	each 7.00
Silver Maple—fast growing—4 to 5 ft. tall .....	each 75c
Mountain Ash—bright red berries in fall—4 to 5 ft. whips .....	each 1.00
Mountain Ash— 5 to 6 ft. branched .....	3.00
Ginkgo—(Maiden Hair Tree) fan shaped leaves—10 to 12 ft. ....	5.00
Oriental Plane—(Sycamore)—2 to 3 ft. tall .....	each 75c

## CLIMBING VINES

### All 2-year No. 1 vines or older

Silver Lace Vines—Fleecy white blossoms in late summer .....	each 75c
Boston Ivy—Clings to brick or stone walls .....	each 75c
Hall's Jap Honeysuckle—A good covering vine .....	each 60c
Wisteria—Purple—Sweetly scented pendulous flowers .....	each 1.00
Clematis—Paniculata—Starlike white flowers—September .....	each 75c
Jackmani—Large purple flowers .....	each 1.25
Mme. E. Andre—Large red flowers .....	each 1.25
Ramona—Large light blue .....	each 1.25

## PLANNING AND PLANTING SERVICE

For those of you who are thinking of doing evergreen plantings this spring, we now offer a new service. Upon request, Mr. Ray Holdridge will call upon you and suggest plantings for you.

We are also able to do a limited number of planting jobs during the spring. We would appreciate the opportunity of making a proposed planting sketch of your grounds and of quoting you a price either for the stock alone or for the job planted.

Please get in touch with us early as we will not have time to make personal calls during April and May.

## EVERGREENS

### Cash and Carry

During the shipping season this spring we will have on hand a good variety of Evergreen Shrubbery. These will be all dug with a big ball of dirt and balled and burlapped.

It is very simple to plant Evergreens. Just dig a hole big enough to set the ball in, then set the tree in, bag and all, and cover with dirt.

You are invited to come to our farm during the season, look over our stock and take your pick.

Listed below are a few of the many bargains:



Globe Arbor Vitae—12 to 15 inch tall .....	} <b>Your Choice</b> <b>\$2.00</b>
Pyramidal Arbor Vitae—2 to 3 ft. ....	
Greek Juniper—12 to 15 inch tall .....	
Irish Juniper—3 ft. tall .....	
Hemlock—18 to 24 inch tall .....	
Norway Spruce—3 to 4 ft. tall .....	
Plumosa Aurea (Golden)—15 to 18 inch .....	
American Arbor Vitae (Dark Green)—3 ft. ....	
Gold Dust—12 to 15 inch .....	
Pfitzer Spreading Juniper—15 inch spread .....	
Spreading Taxus (Yew)—12 to 15 inch spread .....	
Colorado Spruce—Medium blue—18 to 24 inch .....	\$3.00
Spreading Taxus (Yew)—15 to 18 inch .....	3.00
Upright Taxus—2 ft. tall .....	3.75
Upright Taxus—3 to 3½ ft. tall .....	6.00

We will also have other varieties of evergreens in smaller quantities and some larger specimens at higher prices.

## BROAD LEAF EVERGREENS

Azalias—Indica Alba (white) 12 to 15 inch spread .....	} <b>Your Choice</b> <b>\$2.00</b>
Poukhanensis (purple) 12 to 15 inch .....	
Kaempferi (orange to pink) 12 to 15 inch .....	
Hinodegiri (red) 10 to 12 inch .....	
Laurel—Heavy clumps—2 to 3 ft. ....	
Andromeda—Jap, Lily of the Valley Shrub—12 to 15 inch ....	
Daphne—Cneorum, Fragrant spring flowers—9 to 12 inch ....	
Rhododendrons—Hybrid Seedlings—pink to red—15 to 18 inch .....	\$3.00
Rhododendrons—Native—Maximum, pink flowers .....	1.00 and up
Rhododendrons—Grafted stock—dark red, small plants .....	2.50
Boxwood—9 to 12 inch tall .....	1.25
Cotoneaster—Horizontalis—evergreen leaves, followed by red berries—6 to 10 inch spread .....	1.50

NOTICE—We are now able to ship balled and burlapped evergreens by the Railway Express. Add for packing and handling 50 cents for each tree you order. Shipped Not Prepaid.

## VEGETABLE PLANTS

We carry a wide variety of vegetable plants on hand at our nursery during the spring season. These are available during their respective seasons. Lettuce, cabbage, broccoli — doz. 30 cents — flat of 100 plants \$1.75 plus 25 cents deposit for flat.

Tomatoes, leading varieties, 30 cents doz.                   \$2.00 per 100 plus deposit.

Peppers, 40 cents doz. \$2.25 per 100 plus deposit.

Potted Tomato Plants—Stone variety only—90 cents doz.

## FLOWER PLANTS

After May 1st, we will have on hand a good variety of annual flower plants. Most kinds will sell at 40 cents a dozen and \$2.25 a flat plus deposit. Not mailable.

## PANSY PLANTS

We grow a fairly large number of pansy plants which will be packed eight to a basket and which will sell at 50 cents a basket here at the nursery. Not mailable.

## ONION PLANTS

We offer greenhouse grown onion plants of the large Sweet Spanish variety. These plants are from 4 to 5 inches tall and will be shipped to you at the proper time for planting.

Price: 75c per 100; \$6.00 per 1,000; \$2.50 per flat plus deposit.

## GARDEN ROOTS

Complete your garden with a few of these specialties:

Horseradish Sets—10c each; 12 for \$1.00.

Chives—Medium Clumps: 25c each.

Spearmint—Field Grown: 25c each.

Sage—Holt's Mammoth: 25c each.

## SEEDS

There will be on hand at our nursery during the spring season a fairly large assortment of vegetable and flower seeds furnished by the Burpee Seed Co. Also a few pound packages of the leading varieties of peas, sweet corn, beans and lawn seed. Plan to pick up your seeds here when you get your other nursery stock. No bulk seeds will be sold.

## HEDGES AND WINDBREAKS

California Privet—18 to 24 inch—well branched .....10 for \$1.00  
Amur River Privet—18 to 24 inch—very hardy .....10 for \$1.00  
Spirea Van Houttei—12 to 15 inch—makes a beautiful hedge..10 for \$1.00  
Philadelphus—Single—12 to 18 inch—Mock Orange .....10 for \$1.00  
Greenleaf Barberry—12 to 15 inch .....10 for \$1.00  
Red Leaf Barberry—15 to 18 inch—2 year plants.....10 for \$2.50  
Multiflora Rose—9 to 18 inch—

Conservation grade .....12 for \$1.00—100 for \$5.00  
(For a fast growing, living fence)

## BULBS AND TUBERS

**GLADIOLI BULBS**—We will have the following varieties of glad bulbs which will be of the first standard size or at least 1½ inches in diameter. These will produce large flowers this summer.

Beacon—Scarlet with cream throat .....	}	<b>Price</b>  <b>12 for 60c</b>  <b>50 for \$2.00</b>  <b>100 for \$4.00</b>
Blue Beauty—giant light blue .....		
Early Rose—very large commercial rose .....		
Ethel Cole—large light pink .....		
Gold Dust—early golden yellow .....		
King Lear—most beautiful purple .....		
Picardy—sensational salmon pink .....		
Snow Princess—beautiful creamy white .....		
Stoplight—nice bright red .....		
White Gold—huge early creamy white .....		
Yellow Perfection—early yellow, fine spikes .....		
Mixed—a nice variety .....		

Limited numbers of other varieties will be available at the nursery.

Special Sale of Small Glad Bulbs — Third size — one inch in diameter will bloom this year. Mixed colors only. 50 for \$1.00.

**DAHLIAS** — Package of six roots of large flowered dahlias, 1 art type, 1 ball type, 1 cactus type and 3 decorative type; each root wrapped and labelled individually.

Package of six roots — \$1.00.

**PEONIES** — Growing in Cloverset pots at farm or shipped free of dirt. Colors — Red, White and Pink.

Price — 75c each. 3 for \$2.00.

<b>LILY BULBS</b> —Regal—White trumpet .....	3 for \$1.00
Longiflorum — Easter Lily .....	3 for \$1.00
Speciosum Rubrum—pinkish white with red spots...	3 for \$2.00

### **GLOXINIA BULBS—**

White, dark violet or scarlet with white border .. 35c or 3 for \$1.00

**BEGONIAS**—Double-red, white or yellow ..... 3 for 50c

**BLEEDING HEARTS**—the real old fashioned kind (not mailable) each 60c

Yellow King Humbert ..... <b>CANNAS</b> —President—tall red ..... Madam Crozy — dwarf red .....	} each 15c } 6 for 75c } 12 for \$1.50
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**TULIP BULBS**—for Fall shipment only. Rainbow mixture of Darwin tulips 100 for \$5.00. Ask for our fall list.

## GROUND COVERS

**VINCA MINOR** — Common Periwinkle or Myrtle. Excellent ground cover, does best in shade—blue flowers in spring. 40c clump.

**PASHYSANDRA (Oriental Spurge)**—Best of ground covers, good for shade, white flowers in May and June. 25c each.

**HALL'S JAP HONEYSUCKLE**—Excellent for covering up banks, stones and rough places. 60c each; 10 or more 50c each.



**THE LATE S. E. HOLDRIDGE**  
**Founder**



**PAUL HOLDRIDGE**  
**Manager**

Dear Friend—

We are glad to have you as our customer and to send you our 1951 catalogue of Nursery Stock. Because the catalogue is small, you will find only brief descriptions of our plants and trees.

Strawberry plants are our main crop and we have five acres growing with nearly half a million plants ready for this spring's sales. We also have about six thousand evergreens of various sizes and numerous smaller plots of nursery stock growing here. However, many of our nursery items are purchased from growers who specialize in specific crops. We make certain that all varieties are suitable for average Connecticut weather conditions.

We are trying our best to keep the prices of our nursery stock as low as possible. We want you to compare the prices and quality of our stock with other reliable nurserymen.

We had our biggest year in the nursery business in 1950 and a great many people now come to our place to look at the stock and to carry it home with them.

By buying this way, you are assured that the stock is what you want, fresh from our nursery and without shipping charges.

Our shipping season for nursery stock is short and we are always rushed at that time. To help us serve you better, we are asking your cooperation by doing the following:

1. Send full payment with order if possible.
2. Allow us to substitute varieties when necessary.

We invite you to call at our Farm at any time during the nursery shipping season. We will also be open for business on Sundays during March, April and May.

We hope for an early order from you.

Sincerely,

**PAUL HOLDRIDGE.**

**Telephone Ledyard 4-7020**

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**NOTE**—Early in the season we have in stock everything listed in this catalogue, but later on we may run short of some varieties. When you order state whether we shall substitute something equally as good and as near like the variety ordered as possible or return your money for any stock we may not have.

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# STRAWBERRY CULTURE

## CHOOSING THE LAND

Almost any fertile land which is well drained will raise good strawberries. We advise against setting on greensward because of the presence of white grubs who relish the tender roots of strawberries. If possible, plant on land on which no lime has been spread for at least one year.

## FERTILIZING

We recommend spreading your fertilizer broadcast on the ground after the land has been plowed and harrowed. Then harrow the fertilizer in. This places your fertilizer where it will be available to the new plants as they commence to run. Additional fertilizer may be added any time during the first year if needed. Do not fertilize your bed the spring that it is going to bear for the extra fertilizer will go into the leaves.

## WHEN TO PLANT

Order your plants early and set them out early. If you order your plants early you will be sure of getting the varieties you want and you will get the plants when you want them. When your plants arrive, if you are not ready for setting out, take from box or package and put in cellar in a cool, dark place. Keep roots moist. Wet roots before setting.

## SETTING OUT PLANTS

Strawberries may be spaced 15-18 inches apart in the rows, and rows 3 to 4 feet apart. Later in the season the plants should be set closer. In setting the plants, dig a hole large enough to enable you to spread the roots well. The plants should be set deep enough so that the roots are well covered, yet care should be taken that the tender heart is uncovered. Press the plant firmly into the ground.

## CARE OF BED

The blossoms should be picked off the first year so that all the strength of the plant will go into the new runners. Of course, the strawberry bed must be hoed often enough during the summer to keep it free from weeds.

## MULCHING

The bed should be covered during the early winter with a thin covering of straw, hay or meadow grass. Use whichever of these that is easier or cheaper for you to obtain. In the spring, the hay may be raked between the rows, making a cushion for the pickers during the season. This also prevents dirty berries.

## WEED KILLERS

The use of 2-4-D Weed Killers on strawberry plants is still in the experimental stage. We have used it on short rows of each of our varieties. The weed killers will not kill strawberry plants and will keep the weeds under control but, in our opinion, it does slow up the growth of the runners. We would not advise the use of weed killers on substantial acreages of berries until more is known of its effects.

## RED STELE DISEASE

Our strawberry plant beds are carefully examined each summer by specialists of The Connecticut Experiment Station and there has never been any Red Stele found on this farm. We have never had a complaint that Red Stele has been found in beds started with our plants.

**The Holdridge Farm Nursery**

R. D. 6

**Norwich, Connecticut**

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